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U.A. - Mr. Key
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Dear Sirs:

I am sorry I could not reply earlier to your letter of March 15 on the US embargo question. However, it seemed desirable to wait to give you an answer until a meeting could be held with Mr. Murphy, Mr. Philips, and the International Relations Administration.

We had such a meeting last week and essentially reviewed the whole problem. It was decided that, however much we wanted to see the embargo as soon as possible, we could maintain our position against any trade involving the sale of arms or munitions to the Soviet Union. In return for the cessation of arms and munitions to the Soviet Union, we would be prepared to consider the possibility of a trade agreement for this country and the Soviet Union. However, we would not be prepared to consider a trade agreement with all other countries. It was also decided that we would be prepared to consider a trade agreement with the Soviet Union if it was necessary to do so. It was also decided that we would be prepared to consider a trade agreement with the Soviet Union if it was necessary to do so.

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I am sure you will understand our position. We are sure that you will understand our position. We are sure that you will understand our position. We are sure that you will understand our position.

The Honorable
 Harry S. Truman, Jr.
 White House
 Washington, D.C.

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